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1. WITH ONLY FEW DETAILS YET TO BE WORKED OUT, FONOFF CHINA DIVIDIR FUJITA INFORMED US GOJ PLANS TO OPEN ITS CONSULATE GENERAL IN SHANGHAI JULY 22. CHINESE PLANS FOR OPENING CONGEN OSAKA ARE STILL UNCLEAR. JAPAN'S CONGEN WILL BE STAFFED BY FOUR OFFICERS, ALL WITH BACKGROUNDS IN CHINESE AFFAIRS: 1) KENICHIRO NISHIMYAMA, 55, CONSUL GENERAL, CURRENTLY CONGEN IN PRETORIA, ENTERED FONOFF 1943, SERVED IN CEYLON, IN CHINA DIVISION, WAS COUNSELOR IN PRAGUE AND THEN NIGERIA, AND AT ONE POINT WAS ASSIGNED TO MINISTRY OF JUSTICE; 2) TOSHIKADA TAGUMA, DCM AND FIRST SECRETARY, WHO WILL PROCEED TO PEKING JULY 11 TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS ACTUALLY OPEN CONGEN JULY 15 IN HOTEL; 3) RYO AKAKURA, VICE CONSUL, CURRENTLY WITH CHINA DIVISION; AND 4) SHIRO KAYAMA, VICE CONSUL, NOW IN PEING. SAKUTARA TANINO, CURRENTLY IN PEKING, WILL ALSO GO TO SHANGHAI TEMPORARILY AND ACT AS "HEAD OF CHANCERY" TO HELP SET UP CONSULATE.

2. COMMENT. TO ESTABLISH CONSULATES IN SHANGHAI AND GUAM (SEPTEL), FONOFF BROKE GOJ'S TRADITIONAL JANUARY DATE FOR OPENING CONSULATES AND SOUGHT FUNDS FROM DIET FOR EARLY CONFIDENTIAL

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OPENING. WITH HEGEMONY STILL BARRING WAY TO PEACE/FRIENDSHIP TREATY, NEW CONSULATE IN SHANGHAI WILL BE WELCOME AND VERY VISIBLE ADVANCE IN SINO-JAPANESE RELATIONS.
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